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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS

1. EGYPTIAN CHARGE ADELL TOLD ME APRIL 30 THAT LIBYANS HAVE NOW ABANDONED IDEA OF LARG SCALE EXPULSION OF EGYPTIANS. HE ADDED THAT LIBYAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN GEARED UP FOR OPERATION AND IMMIGRATION-PASSPORT SECTION HAD BEEN ON 24-HOUR DUTY BUT ORDER HAD SUDDENLY COME FROM QADHAFI HIMSELF TO HALT PROCEEDINGS. ADELL BELIEVES QADHAFI SUDDENTLY BECAME AWARE THAT LARGE SCALE EXPULSION WOULD CRIPPLE ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS. PROBLEM NOW, ACCORDING TO ADELL, IS THAT MANY EGYPTIANS DESIRE TO LEAVE BUT ARE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN NECESSARY EXIT VISAS.

2. ADELL IS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE AND SEES LITTLE POSSIBILITY FOR OUTSIDE MEDIATION SINCE EXCHANGE OF INSULTS HAS GONE ALMOST BEYOND POINT OF RETURN.
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EGYPTIAN EMBASSY STAFF IS UNDER HEAVY STRAIN AND MOST HAVE RETURNED THEIR DEPENDENTS TO EGYPT. HE PERSONALLY WONDERS HOW LONG HIS STAMINA WILL ENDURE BUT IS DETERMINED TO PRESENT A COURAGEOUS FRONT WHICH HE IS CERTAINLY DOING.
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